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## AN EVENING OF CLASSICAL MUSIC WITH SYMPHONY IN C

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 28, 7:30  
IN THE GARDENS OF GREENFIELD HALL

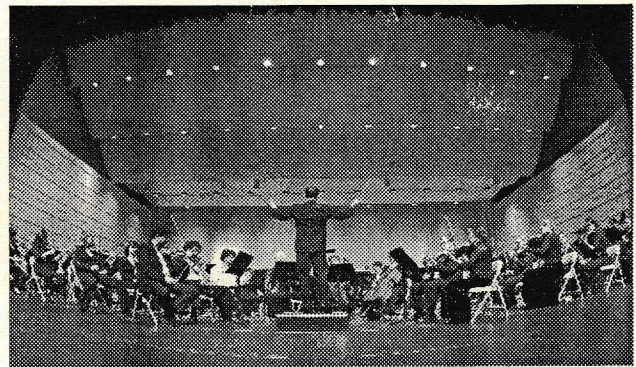
And the night shall be filled with music,  
And the cares that infest the day,  
Shall fold their tents like the Arabs,  
And as silently steal away.

Longfellow's verse seems to have been written for our May 28<sup>th</sup> Evening in the Gardens of Greenfield Hall when we'll be enjoying a one hour concert featuring a variety of pieces performed by a harpist and flutist, members of Symphony in C.

Symphony in C was formerly known as the Haddonfield Symphony. It's one of just three professional training orchestras in the United States preparing musicians and conductors who are on the cusp of world-class careers, through concert, educational outreach and professional development programs.

The Haddonfield Symphony was established in 1952 as a community orchestra allowing amateur musicians to pursue their love of music by performing for Haddonfield and the southern New Jersey community. In the fall of 2007, the Haddonfield Symphony became Symphony in C to signal its complete transformation and has recently moved the Symphony's administrative offices to the city of Camden.

Today, the nationally-recognized group is led by Music Director Rossen Milanov. It works in cooperation with universities and conservatories across the Mid-Atlantic region, providing students with opportunities to gain valuable professional performance experience. Alumni of the program hold positions with major orchestras worldwide.



Symphony in C

You won't want to miss the opportunity to hear the music of two members of this widely-known group. Historical background of the composers and the compositions will also be provided during the program.

Light refreshments and iced tea will be served. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets as well as wine if they so choose. There is no charge for the evening for members; non-members donation is \$5.00.

Our thanks to  
Bob Basmajian  
of IndyMac Bank of Marlton  
for underwriting our  
Evening of Classical Music.

May, June and July are perfect months to visit Greenfield Hall.  
Bring your friends and visitors and wander through Haddonfield as it once was.



# PRESIDENT'S PAGE

by Dianne Snodgrass

Dear Members of the Historical Society of Haddonfield:

As you may realize, I have accepted a second term as your president. Two years goes by in such a hurry. We have accomplished a lot in this short time. Important projects which were itemized on our to-do list have been completed. Therefore, I would like to utilize this space to present our improvements to Greenfield Hall, the Samuel Mickle House, our garage, our grounds and our operations since May 2006.

You, as our loyal members, have made these updates possible. The Historical Society of Haddonfield owns and must maintain two historic buildings, a garage, our grounds and our day to day operations. Our funding comes from you. Yes, through membership, attendance at events, supporting our fundraisers, your volunteer labor and your generous donations, you have made our improvements and maintenance possible. We thank you - you have, indeed, made a very big difference. The Historical Society of Haddonfield operates as a 501(c)(3) non profit organization. We receive **no** outside funding; **no** borough, **no** county, **no** state **nor** federal. Forgive me if I am preaching to the choir!

My term began with a strike - literally - as lightning hit our 125 year old ash tree in Greenfield Hall's backyard, badly damaging it. It was a sad, expensive day as the crane operator and climbers performed an aerial ballet with chain saws to remove it.

The Samuel Mickle House which serves as our research and reference library has had cellar dampness corrected by installing a dehumidifier. Rear drainage trouble has been solved by new rain gutters and an underground pipe. Later this spring the exterior will be repaired and repainted with funds received from the Haddonfield Holiday House Tour in December 2007. Purchasing multiple sets of shelving for basement storage was made possible by a donation. Also in December 2007, the Society received another donation which enabled a computer upgrade.

Greenfield Hall has been completely rewired. Our security system is operating much more smoothly now that we have set up a different entrance and exit strategy. Our front sidewalk is no longer in disrepair thanks to volunteers. In May 2007, the vestibule, Elizabeth Haddon parlor and Victorian parlor received new paint on walls and woodwork. In the fall of 2007, we continued the interior painting in the hall which runs from the first to the third floors. Old wall paper was removed and plaster cracks repaired. The Old Kitchen has a new rug thanks to another donation. A new refrigerator was donated for our modern kitchen. Through yet another donation the Society now has three air conditioners on the first floor. Our office has a new computer system thanks to the same generosity which funded the one in our library. As you read this, Greenfield Hall will be having a new heater installed replacing our 80+ year old oil burner.

Our c. 1940 garage had its roof repaired and new rain gutters installed.

This is it, folks. You have done it all! At the close of the next two years I hope our list of accomplishments is just as long. I anticipate your continued support and thank you for what you have done for us previously.

## EXHIBIT ANNOUNCEMENT

Our current exhibit, "Haddonfield's First Family - the Governor and Mrs. Alfred E. Driscoll," will stand until June 22, 2008, an extraordinary compilation of artifacts honoring the life and accomplishments of New Jersey's 43<sup>rd</sup> governor and his wife who lived in Haddonfield. Family comments on Founder's Day 2008 at the Driscoll Tea Reception in Greenfield Hall could not have been any more positive about the exhibit - or the reception, for that matter.

If you would like to visit the exhibit, please come before June 22 to avoid disappointment. Break-down will begin June 23. Society members are admitted with no charge; non-members fee is \$4.00.

Regular hours are listed on the address page of the *Bulletin*. If these hours do not fit your needs, please call the office at 856-429-7375 to make other arrangements.



## LIBRARY NEWS

by Kathy Tassini

The library is celebrating the arrival of a new computer which is making all of our work much more productive and enjoyable. Thanks to the generosity of Wendy and Bob Grady we were able to purchase a new computer and backup system that brings us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We are truly grateful for this wonderful gift. Both the library and museum are now able to prepare for PastPerfect, a software program for small museums and historical societies, which will be used for managing all of our collections. Over the next few years we anticipate that access to our various collections will be much improved thanks to all of our new technology.

We also want to thank Greg and Graham Lawes for all the time and expertise they put into determining the right computer system for us, ordering it, setting it up, and transferring data from the old computers to the new system. It was a very big job, they were fantastic to work with, and the result of their efforts is a new world of opportunities for the library.

Since thanks are being given, I would also like to thank all our wonderful library volunteers who work mightily to keep up with all the tasks including, research, organization and conservation of collections with which we are charged. This year we have had hundreds of hours donated by Betty Lyons and Charlesanna Fallstick, who also ably run the library in my

absence, Pat Lennon, Jean Gutschuth, Zeze Zaleski, Nancy Mattis, and Kim Custer. We continue to make great strides with the collections, due to the dedication of all of these wonderful ladies who are dedicated to preserving the history of our community for both present and future generations.

I also want to thank Ruth Sine for all the time she has put in organizing the much needed and soon to be accomplished repairs to the Mickle house. Ruth has been incredibly busy this year between getting things lined up for the Mickle house and the upcoming work on the climate-control system at Greenfield Hall. We all owe Ruth a big thank you for all that she does to keep the buildings and grounds of the Society in great shape.

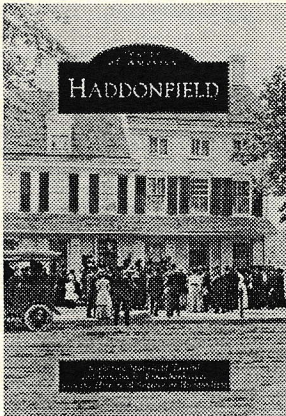
### Library Summer Hours

With the coming of Memorial Day, the hours of the library change to summer hours. We will open Tuesday and Thursday, May 27 and May 29<sup>th</sup> and then change to Mondays and Tuesdays, beginning June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be open the first Sundays of June and July and close for the month of August after Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>.

The library reopens the day after Labor Day, September 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be open on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, the first Sunday of September.

## HADDONFIELD

We are pleased to announce that Kathy Tassini, librarian of our research library and Doug Rauschenberger, retired director of the Haddonfield Public Library, are the authors of another fascinating book about our town. *Haddonfield*, part of the *Images of America* series published by Arcadia Press, will be released during the month of August.



The book makes use of historic photographs culled from the extensive collections of our Society which has been gathering images of our rich past since its founding in 1914, as well as from private collections.

Arcadia's book information sheet mentions that Haddonfield was founded in 1701 by Elizabeth Haddon, a 21-year old English Quaker, as a place for Quakers and others to live and worship in freedom. Because of its location a crossroads of water, road and rail transportation, the community evolved from an 18<sup>th</sup>-century agricultural and trade center for southern New Jersey to a railroad suburb of Philadelphia in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The Indian King Tavern, a significant Revolutionary war site, was the first historic site purchased by the State of New Jersey. In 1858, the discovery in Haddonfield of the first nearly intact dinosaur created a sensation in the world of paleontology.

Today Haddonfield has again evolved into a suburb known for its qualities of residential and educational resources.

The book will be on sale at \$19.99. We'll let you know when it will be available, about book signings and other celebrations as soon as final arrangements have been made. Proceeds from the sale of the book will benefit the Historical Society of Haddonfield.



## A LETTER FROM JOE MURPHY

HSH President, 1998-2002

To my friends, neighbors and those who care:

I want to share with you a great concern I have regarding the preservation of the Indian King Tavern Museum, one of Haddonfield's and the State's most important historical sites.

The Indian King Tavern was the site where New Jersey's Council of Safety met during the Revolution, when the British occupied Trenton. It was here that they declared New Jersey a state, no longer a colony of the British, and it was here that they declared the Declaration of Independence the law in New Jersey. It is the only full-time tavern museum in the Delaware Valley, and it draws 4000 visitors every year to our community. Today we can visit this building and experience what life was really like at that historic time. It is only a one-person museum, actively supported by the all-volunteer Friends of the Indian King Tavern Museum.

I am sure you have all heard the news that the Governor's budget proposes closure of many of the state's parks and historic sites, including the Indian King. Many of you probably also share my deep skepticism about this move – that it is a ploy to get us to accept more taxes, fees, and unwise spending in Trenton. The parks and historic sites, after all, are not why we are in a financial mess. The reality is that every dollar spent on tourism returns something around \$36 to the economy.

At the same time, however, I think the Governor is serious about this and would, in fact, close these sites if he cannot leverage this for more taxes. It is also a deep worry that politicians would even think of taking this type of step. I am sure that our elected representatives will observe closely the citizens' reaction. If there is not enough resistance, or only resistance regarding particular sites, then they will know where they can safely make the most politically painless cuts.

The curator of the Indian King is even now preparing to close down the building under directions from the state; he will be re-assigned to another job, but the Museum will be closed. I picture this large abandoned building in the center of our beautiful town. Does it take much imagination to consider what will happen as this deteriorates into a blighted structure for all to see, so close to our other historic buildings? Can you picture what this will be like, a large unwatched back yard and plenty of empty rooms, a welcome place for those intent on mischief? We all know that once something is abandoned it is much more difficult to bring it back to life; inertia is a strong force – it is easier to keep it open now than it will be to restore what is lost.

As for who will stand up, I remember as a child my Mom often quoting Edmund Burke: "all that is necessary for the triumph of evil (or stupidity) is that good men (and women) do nothing." If I don't speak out, and you don't speak out, who will? And how will I explain to my grandchildren as they grow up, what I was doing when this first spot of blight started in this charming town.

What can we do? There is plenty, and each of us individually has a stake. I have emailed each of my state representatives, the governor, and the chair of the county freeholders (urging the freeholders to speak out). This is easy to do. I have also written letters, because I think they have more impact. I have joined the petition through What's On. I have raised this issue with the Haddonfield Civic Association. I intend to write other elected officials, asking them to speak out (even if it is not their official job; after all, it is not my "official" job either, but I am speaking out so why not ask them to be leaders on this important issue). The Friends of the Indian King is having an open meeting at Haddonfield's Borough Hall, 7 PM on Thursday, May 8, to rally support. I believe we can all help, whether by signing a petition, writing letters, calling or visiting our state representatives, asking others to write or speak out, writing letters to editors, etc. Maybe we should convene a second "Council of Safety" on the grounds of the Indian King, once again to protect citizens' interests from unwise actions originating in Trenton.

But now is the time to act. The curator of the Indian King already has specific instructions on how to close down the building. The Friends of the Indian King has some property at the Museum, and we plan to inventory this in preparation for the state to remove or store all the state-owned property now in the building. We have very little time to act – June 1 this beautiful historic site will be closed and lost to us.

If we each do something to take a stand I believe this part of our history will continue to be available for our children and grandchildren. But if we keep silent in the face of actions we know are wrong, we will be witnesses to a sad loss for our state and for Haddonfield. Please, don't let this happen.

(For those who don't know me, I should say something about myself. I own both a home and a business in Haddonfield that would be affected by blight in this town. I am also president of the Friends of the Indian King Tavern Museum and founder of Dance Haddonfield. I have my own small museum of political history in my office here. This past December I became a granddad for the first time, and hope someday to take my grandson for a tour of the Indian King. And I strongly believe in preserving history.)



## MOVING HOUSES AROUND AND ABOUT -- Part I

by Helen Mountney

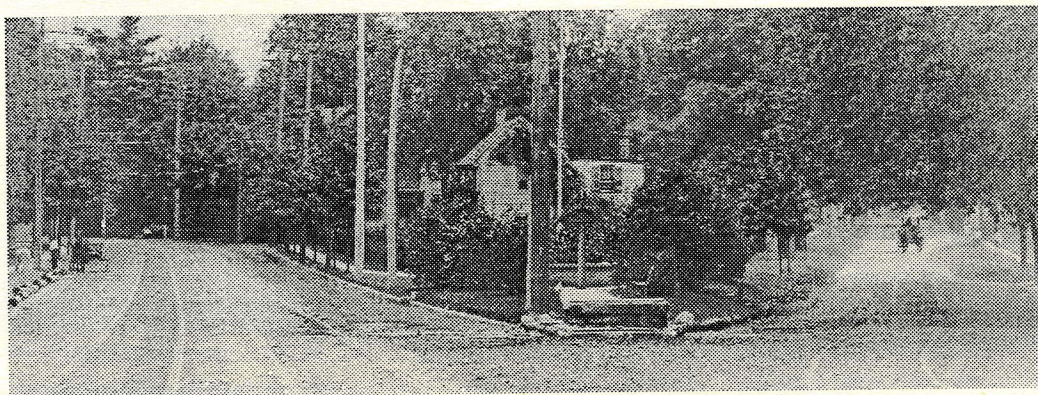
"Haddonfield is dotted with houses that have been moved about,"

(Haddonfield Herald Weekly, February 1, 1951)

The "Library Point" has always been an historic spot here in Haddonfield, but I'm sure that very few know the history of that property, especially the fact that a sizable house, known as 78 Haddon Avenue, stood on that site for many years.

This part of the story starts in 1781, when John Estaugh Hopkins and Sarah, his wife, deeded to Jacob Cox, a wheelwright, a piece of their property. In 1807, Jacob and Mary Cox sold one-third of that piece to Attee Leeman, a farmer, for \$112.00 with all buildings, fences and streetways, subject to ground rent. Attee Leeman, an African American, was one of the thirty-two charter members of the 1811 Fire Company of Haddonfield, and held one (1) share of stock of that company.

After many transfers of the property, the Leeman lot came into the possession of Rebecca Nicholson, great-granddaughter of John Estaugh Hopkins. Sometime before 1916, Ms. Nicholson conveyed a small part of the triangle (near the point) to the Borough of Haddonfield for a park which then was planted with shrubbery. A fountain was strategically placed there as a watering place for horses. Years later, this point was "rounded off" for the convenience of traffic flow.



Rebecca Nicholson gave the house (but not the land) to Edward Smiley, who worked for her. He and his family could live in the house as long as he lived. There, he and his wife raised four children while he worked for the Nicholson sisters as their gardener, coachman and general handyman. From what the records show, Smiley kept a beautiful yard around his house on the point property. In 1917, Rebecca Nicholson donated the remainder of this property for the sole use of the Haddonfield Library and Historical Society. Construction on the building began in 1917, but the Library and Historical Society building was not finished until 1920, due to the interruption caused by World War I.

In 1926, following Mr. Smiley's death, one of his sons had the house moved from the property and taken to 8200 Smiley Avenue in Pennsauken, where it sits regally on an inclined corner just a block off of Haddonfield Road. Geographically, after the house crossed the Estates section of Haddonfield, it would have been an easy move straight out Grove Street, before the days of the many traffic lights and wires that we encounter. Just by looking at the house and noting its depth, it had to have been moved in at least two parts. One of the hardest parts of the moves must have been the railroad crossing on Haddonfield Road between Maple Avenue, in Pennsauken, and what is now Pennsauken Country Club. Upon exploration of the neighborhood, it appears that this was probably one of the first houses there. Apparently, the roadway where it is now located needed a name, and the name given was, of course, Smiley Avenue.

This long thin area of Pennsauken, founded about fifteen years prior to the Civil War, near the intersection of Haddonfield Road and Park Avenue, had been called Jordantown. It is noted by historical authors to have been well known for being an African-American community having churches, cemeteries, a school, a few stores, and a camp meeting.

In 1975, when Mr. and Mrs. Miller, newcomers to South Jersey, were house hunting in the area for a home for their growing family, they found this lovely, sizeable house in a very convenient location to main roads, schools, churches, and shopping. They quickly purchased it and happily moved in. Mrs. Miller called Public Service Electric & Gas Company to have the records transferred into their names, only to find out that the company had absolutely no record of this house. That, however, was soon rectified. To this day it remains a mystery as to how this house had power prior to the Miller's moving in because there were ceiling lights, electric switches and outlets, and a gas stove in the house when they purchased it.

Mrs. Miller and her family still happily reside in this home and still find it a very comfortable, convenient place to live.



## DOMESTIC AFFAIRS

by Don Wallace

Ladies of the Society, we need your advice again! You weren't much help in displaying the ice saw which we placed against a shelf at an angle so that one may put his or her hands on the handle that is now properly oriented as if to cut lake ice. But I guess that ice harvesting was men's work, so we did it.

Today our dilemma is the placement of a continuous wash line between donated pulleys. Certainly the job of hanging clothes out to dry was "women's work," and we wish to commemorate that chore by stringing a clothes line over and across the most appropriate place above the domestic collections.

Once the line is in position we will need some old wash to hang on it. If you have old bloomers, Union suits or long-johns with a buttoned down rear flap, please consider donating them to this cause. Even long stockings. We will also need some old clothes pins!

Another domestic display in your Museum Cellars is the old-fashioned dish-washer/dryer display on a stand built just for this purpose by Gus Winder. It sits under the cellar steps next to the wash tub which is the closest thing to a sink where we could demonstrate these things if required to. "These things" are the four soap-saver "swishers," each of a different style. My own Mother used the screen type in the 1940's at 313 Chestnut Street in Haddonfield. Perhaps you can remember your Grandmother or Great Grandmother utilizing one of the stamped sheet metal types back then.

A pot scrubber made of chain mail also hangs in the display. This was the forerunner of "Brillo" and "SOS" pads used today. Bars of soap hoarded during World War II are also included here. It was the well-used soap remnants of these bars that were placed into the "soap savers" then swished in the hot water of the well-chipped, enamel dishpan.

I wonder how many babies were also washed in the dirty dishwater? I don't really want to know! Just "don't throw the baby out with the bath-water!"

A ragged, old dish towel hangs here too on the smallest, little drying rack that I have ever seen. It must have served this purpose near a sink back then, and/or in a very small apartment. It was not only my sense of humor that searched for a well-worn dish towel, but these were a fact of life back in the depression years of the 1930's and the wartime 40's. It may be dingy, but "It's cleaned and paid for!" We ought to get a box of "RINSO" for this collection. Remember "RINSO WHITE?" "Happy little washday song!" "Get the grey out!"

A sign for the children who tour the Museum Cellars reads: "EARLY 20<sup>th</sup> CENTURY DISHWASHER / DRYER AND SOAP SUPPLIES HOARDED DURING WORLD WAR II." A dish drying rack in mint condition sits just across the sink (fiberglass slop sink for washing old tools) on a Rubberoid drain board that allows the draining water to flow back into the sink and down the drain. We have tried to capture the past in this setting. Only the sink itself is incongruous

Some of you may be surprised, even horrified, to learn that my wife doesn't have a modern dishwasher in this day and age. We did while raising our children which was important because of the ultra-hot water to kill the germs that kids bring home from school. For that, the modern way is the best way, but Caryl always dreaded the emptying of the dishwasher every morning and putting the dishes away before she could start breakfast. Now, in retirement, I help by drying, and when we finish the dishes-for-two, we're done!

Caryl also remembers using her Mother's old "Soap Saver" to make mud pies! Again, we will need donations of old clothes and underwear to hang on our clothesline. Long johns and pantaloons may bring a smile or two. We like to keep our displays lighthearted; thus my rationale for tacking cartoons in the appropriate displays.

And while we are appealing for donations, does anyone have a beat-up copy of *Lost Haddonfield* that you could give to us instead of the Library Book Sale? We use its pictures to show where some of our old tools were used. Thank you.



Even paintings depicted women hanging clothes out to dry.

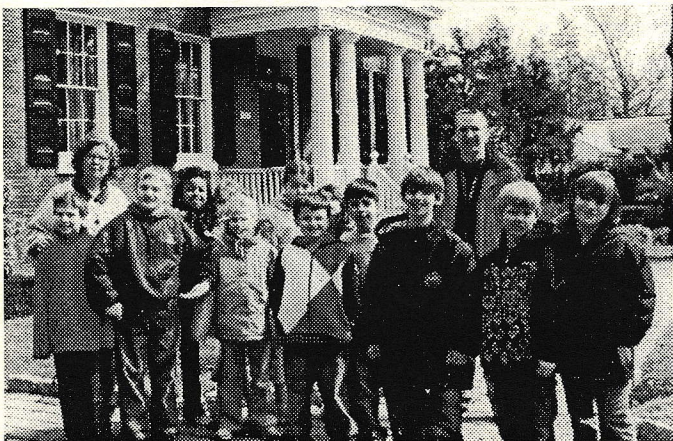


## QUAKER WEEK

by Ann Biddle

In February 2007 my son answered the phone and told me I had a call from Scotland! Always wary of telemarketer's new tricks, I cautiously answered. The voice on the other end of the line certainly sounded Scottish, but the call was from right here in Haddonfield. It was David McCormick, the Haddonfield Friends School Librarian, who was born in Scotland, calling to ask for the Historical Society's help with Quaker Week. Teacher David, as he is known on campus, explained that Quaker Week immerses the entire student body into exploration of the school's Quaker roots. The religious, social and historical implications of Quakerism are examined by the students in an appropriate manner for their ages. Of course the Historical Society immediately jumped on the chance to participate. March 2008 marked the Historical Society's second year participating in Quaker Week.

The Historical Society was asked to give a presentation on Elizabeth Haddon to the third grade class led by Teacher Shelley Louderback at the Brew House on the Wood Lane house site. Kathleen and Mark Platzer, the current owners of the Wood Lane property, generously invited the Friends School to explore the Brew House which was built in 1713. It is the only building constructed during Elizabeth Haddon and John Estaugh's lifetime that survives on the Wood Lane site. While the brick building has been expanded to include a second floor and currently houses pool equipment, the children were able to put on their detective hats and find the original details.



Teacher Shelley Louderback, Teacher David McCormick  
And Friends School Third Grade

Just being in a brew house sparked a lively discussion about the importance of beer in the diet of early settlers. It was inconceivable to the third graders that beer could have been considered a nourishing part of colonial diets, and was even served to children. Early settlers may not have known the reason that drinking water made them ill but they did know that drinking beer did not. The concoction of grains brought to

boiling temperatures and then allowed to ferment provided necessary uncontaminated fluids. The beer also provided the extra calories needed for the hard physical labor expended by the early settlers. The amount of alcohol produced in the homemade brew was very small in comparison to today's standards. The third graders were also able to learn about John Estaugh and Elizabeth Haddon's knowledge of herbal remedies. "Brewing" healing potions was an enormous contribution to the population of settlers and native people in the Haddonfield area.

The Fourth Grade, led by Teacher Alice Quick, came to visit Greenfield Hall as part of their Quaker Week experience. In addition to the usual tour of the house, some special Historical Society treasures were displayed. Kathy Tassini provided the Elizabeth Haddon and John Estaugh marriage certificate, cleverly framed to be able to view both sides. The children were particularly fascinated by the certificate. In Quaker tradition Elizabeth and John had married each other without a third party officiating at their union on December 1, 1702. Their guests were the witnesses to their marriage and each signed his or her name to the certificate. The children read each name aloud. They counted how many guests were present. They speculated about the relationship of guests with the same surnames and critiqued the handwriting. Equally interesting to the children was the Elizabeth Haddon cape and apron Dianne Snodgrass had provided from the textile collection. The children became quite excited and seemed to appreciate the significance of seeing these personal items that were used in Elizabeth's daily life.

The Historical Society's final contribution to Quaker Week was the Traveling Trunk. The Trunk is a collection of authentic and reproduction items which demonstrate how daily life was lived in earlier times. The Trunk is a "please touch" area and popular with children, especially the reproduction Trundling Hoop and other toys. Teacher David presented the Trunk treasures to kindergarten through eight grades with very positive results.

The Historical Society is honored to be added to the list of resources available the Haddonfield Friends students and looks forward to participating in Quaker Week again next year.

We still need someone  
to be in charge of outside maintenance.

**Volunteer to  
IMPROVE OUR CURB APPEAL**

by calling the office  
at 856-429-7375.



## FYI

Helen Mountney, who wrote about the house on the "Library Point," has spent the last several years researching Haddonfield's history of moving houses from one location to another. The article in this *Bulletin* is the first of a series of articles which we'll be including in future issues. We are delighted that Helen has taken on this project and anxiously await learning more and being surprised about some moves.

## MEMORIES

Summer is almost upon us. And, looking forward to those wonderful lazy days, please consider writing about some of the experiences you had as you were growing up in Haddonfield. Maybe you've even reminisced about some of the fun things that happened "back then."

So now is the perfect time to follow through. We've been publishing memories of people who have lived in Haddonfield at some time in their childhood and we'd like to publish yours too. We hear many comments about these articles. Everyone seems to enjoy them.

Join the company of Ed Reeves, Don Harris, Mary Jane Freedley, Mary Pennypacker Scudder, Elizabeth Moore Rusk, Tom Applegate, Paul Jepson, Marion Pennypacker Tatem, Robert "Rusty" Freedley, Don Wallace, Helen Mountney, Robert Buzzard, Mark Heston and June Truitt whose memories have added interest to our understanding of Haddonfield throughout the years..

Send your article to Greenfield Hall and in a future *Bulletin*, you'll be happy to "see" yourself in print.

## THANK YOU, GARDENERS!

Rakers, baggers, diggers, mulchers, spreaders, weeders - your volunteerism for our annual Spring Clean Up early Saturday morning April 19, 2008, is very much appreciated. The Board of Trustees thanks you for the time you spent sprucing up our gardens and grounds. Under the direction of our Grounds Chair, Bob Marshall, various chores were coordinated. Ruth Sine had a special project underway to correct a drainage problem in the rear of the Samuel Mickle House. 2008 helpers: Lee Albright, John Burmaster, Susan Reintzel, Marcia Lugger, Jack Kelly, Margaret Finley, Andrea Kelly, Doug Rauschenberger, Rob Kugler, Ruth Sine, Jeff Carll, Andrew Ramette, Bob Marshall, Charles Chelotti.

## THE GARDEN STATE

by Connie Reeves

As we've traveled around our country, when people notice that we're from New Jersey, many of them will greet us with what they think is a "New Jersey accent." We quickly assure them that no one talks like that where we live (heaven forbid) and go on to extol our southern New Jersey area with its farming background. Of course, we point out that "Garden State" is imprinted on our license plate.

Garden State is certainly a popular name for businesses in our area. Look in the telephone directory and you'll see it precedes many things, from an allergy center to a window business. But just what is the origin of "the Garden State?"

A supposedly accurate source quotes Alfred Heston's *Jersey Waggon Jaunts* as stating that "the principle speaker on Jersey Day (at the Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia, 1876) was the Hon. Abraham Browning of Camden. In his address, Mr. Browning compared New Jersey to an immense barrel filled with good things to eat and open at both ends, with Pennsylvanians grabbing from one end and New Yorkers from the other. He called New Jersey the Garden State, and the name has clung to it ever since."

However, it wasn't until 1954 that the General Assembly voted to add "Garden State" to New Jersey license plates. Assembly Bill No. 454 was passed without the approval of then-Governor Robert B. Meyner. In his veto statement, the Governor writes that "A bill similar to this was vetoed by Governor Driscoll in 1953. He said that the registration plate itself, moreover, is an important legal device evidencing compliance with the laws of the State of New Jersey and it should be confined to that purpose without the detracting of any mottoes or phrases."

Governor Meyner goes on to say that there was no official basis for the designation of the state as the "Garden State," that it is noted for its great strides in manufacturing, mining, commerce, construction, power, transportation, shipping, merchandising, fishing and recreation, as well as agriculture. "I do not believe that the average citizen of New Jersey regards his state as more peculiarly identifiable with gardening or farming than any of its other industries or occupations."

Nevertheless, the legislature voted to add the legend "Garden State" to its license plates. After reading some of the other nicknames suggested - the Clam State, Pathway of the Revolution, the Foreigner State, the Mosquito State - we can feel fortunate that Garden State was chosen instead.



## LOOKING BACK

Our Founder's Day Tea Reception on April 13 was a huge success. A Proclamation signed by Mayor Letitia Colombi and Commissioners Neal Rochford and Edward Borden, and read by the Mayor during the ceremonies, proclaimed the day in honor of Alfred E. Driscoll who grew up in Haddonfield and went on to become the 43<sup>rd</sup> governor of our state. Antoinette Ware Tatem Driscoll, his wife, was also honored.

President Dianne Snodgrass welcomed members and guests, and introduced the close to forty descendants of the Driscoll family who were in attendance that afternoon. The celebration was in conjunction with our exhibit "Our Legacy – Haddonfield's First Family, The Governor and Mrs. Alfred E. Driscoll." The exhibit, which opened in the beginning of November, was mounted by Darlene Kelly and Dianne Snodgrass utilizing many artifacts and documents loaned to the Society by Driscoll family members.

### Please share your memories!

Do you have a story or memory  
of Governor or Mrs. Driscoll?

The Historical Society  
and the Driscoll-Vielehr families  
are interested in  
collecting stories and memories.

Send yours to the Historical Society of Haddonfield,  
343 Kings Highway East, Haddonfield, NJ 08033.



Driscoll-Vielehr descendants in the Gardens

## A THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Board members, Trustees, staff and volunteers of  
the Historical Society of Haddonfield,

Many thanks for the lovely Founder's Day reception  
and the superb exhibition. The Driscoll descendants were  
honored to be included. It was a wonderful opportunity for  
the clan to gather, for older generations to visit and reminisce  
and for younger generations to learn about their family.

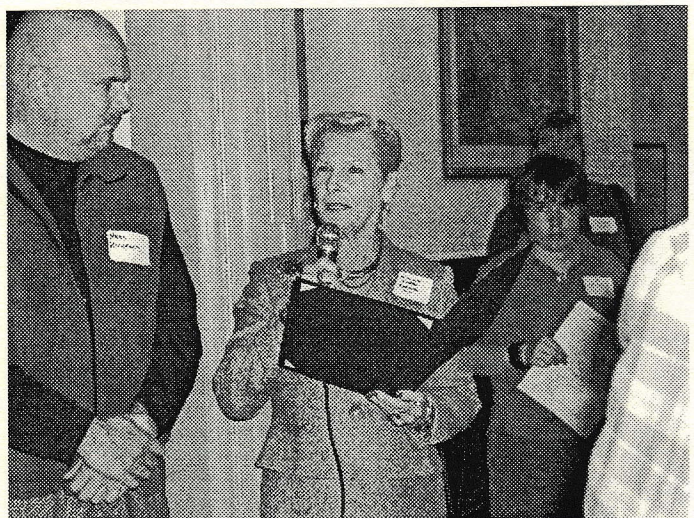
Antoinette and Alfred Driscoll were devoted  
Haddonfield citizens and would have been delighted to be  
remembered in this manner. They especially would have been  
pleased to support the Historical Society in furthering its  
mission.

Sincerely,

The Driscoll, Vielehr and allied families



Class of 1950, HMHS members,  
Caryl Wallace, Pat Driscoll, Don Wallace and Helen Mountney



Mayor Colombi reads the Proclamation  
while Commissioner Rochford looks on



## THE BUFFET DINNER

The Buffet Dinner on March 26 was another huge success. Changing our venue from Tavistock to Greenfield Hall, including a buffet dinner and a speaker, did not change the enthusiasm of our members. The dinner, prepared by our members, and the beautiful table arrangements made for an evening to be remembered. Here are a few pictures of the happy event.

A lovely setting



in the parlor



Carol Zelinsky and Carol Smith working in the kitchen



Kim Custer, Tish Colombi and Doug Rauschenberger  
in the Victorian Room



Mary Bauer, Betsy Anderson, Carol Carty  
in the front parlor



Karen Weaver, Barbara Crane and Debbe and Tom Mervine  
in the dining room



Dear Members of the Historical Society of Haddonfield,

As we all know, the price of everything has been rising. In the past two years Greenfield Hall's utility bills have increased by 81%. In order to maintain our facilities, continue our operations, and offer programs to the public, we must generate additional funds. After lengthy discussion, the Board of Trustees decided it is time to adjust the dues structure to help meet our current financial needs.

The Historical Society receives **no outside funding** from the Borough, County or State. Because we are a 501 (C) (3) organization, the cost of your membership, and any additional contributions you make, are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

We have added a new level of membership, "Senior," to accommodate members 65 and older, on fixed incomes, who have supported us for many years. The levels are now priced as follows:

Senior	\$ 25.00
Individual	35.00
Household	55.00
Patron	150.00 (per person)
LIFE	1,000.00 (per person)

#### BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- The Society's **Bulletin**, published 4 times a year
- Invitations to all events & programs - at a reduced rate when a fee is charged
- 10% discount on Museum Shop purchases & rental of Greenfield Hall
- Unlimited access to our research library

In addition, **LIFE** members will have their names engraved on our **Life Members Plaque** and receive a signed copy of our new book, "**HADDONFIELD, Images of America Series**," published by Arcadia Publishing Company, with text by Katherine Tassini and Douglas Rauschenberger.

We hope that you will take a few minutes to think about the importance of the Historical Society to the community and decide to continue supporting this organization by renewing your membership.

Please use the following application form for new members..

#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

##### THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HADDONFIELD 2008-2009

I (We) would like to join the Historical Society of Haddonfield. The type of membership desired is:

- |   |          |
|---|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior                       | \$ 25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual                   | 35.00    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Household                    | 55.00    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron (per person)          | 150.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership (per person) | 1000.00  |

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail application form to the Society at 343 Kings Highway East, Haddonfield, NJ 08033



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856-429-7375

**SPECIAL HOURS BY APPOINTMENT**

Check for summer hours as listed inside

from 1 to 3 in the afternoon

and the first Sunday of the month

from 9:30 to 11:30

Tuesday and Thursday mornings

**RESEARCH LIBRARY HOURS**

from 1:00 to 4:00

and the first Sunday afternoon of the month

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday afternoons

**GREENFIELD HALL HOURS**

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